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Request for Information

1. At the present time the most critical aspect of intelligence on the Soviet aircraft industry is the quantity of BISON bombers being produced by the USSR. [REDACTED] BISON production takes place at one plant, Factory No. 23 in Moscow.

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2. Until approximately July of this year, observations of Factory No. 23 in order to determine the number of BISON produced were relatively frequent. After July observations dropped off because, [REDACTED] surveillance had become increasingly severe. The result of the decrease in observations has been to make it far more difficult to reach a unified intelligence community estimate of BISON production.

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3. It is therefore requested that a major effort be undertaken as soon as possible to observe Factory No. 23 in Moscow on a regular and continuing basis so that it will be possible to keep a running account of production at the plant. Attempts should

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[REDACTED] BISON aircraft which are parked on the factory airfield. [REDACTED]

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